Warning Signs of a Violent Dating Partner

Although teen dating violence is no small problem, many parents are unaware of its seriousness. In fact, according to the National Domestic Violence Hotline, over 80% of parents do not believe dating violence is an issue.

- Is jealous and possessive
- Is controlling and demanding
- Uses guilt to get his/her way
- Blames the dating partner for what is wrong
- Is extremely insecure
- Has an explosive temper
- Experiences violent outbursts including breaking or hitting things
- Insults and calls the victim names
- Constantly calls, texts, or checks up on the victim.
- Demands to know who he/she has been with and what they have been doing
- Checks the victim's email or cell phone without permission
- Isolates the victim from friends and family
- Is abusive towards other people and/or violent towards animals
- Threatens violence